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LIGHT RECEIPTS HERE TODAY

TWO DRAGGERS LANDED BULK OF FISH SINCE SATURDAY.

Fresh fish receipts were light this morning. But very few mackerel have been brought to port since Saturday. Two large fares of blinks were brought in yesterday morning but went to Boston for sale.

Two of the off-shore draggers reported at the General Seafoods plants this morning with 55,000 pounds of haddock, and the shore dragger, Alice and Wilson unloaded 15,000 pounds of mixed fish at the Producers Fish Company. The largest fare of net mackerel was landed yesterday when the boat Dorothy M., came in from two nights' fishing with 3000 pounds of fish.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Sch. Alice and Wilson, dragging, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Raymonde, dragging, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Governor Fuller, dragging, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat 4188, netting, 300 lbs. fresh mackerel.
Boat Dorothy M., netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Elizabeth M. King, netting, 150 lbs. fresh mackerel.
Boat Bettina, dragging, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Bethlehem, New Bedford.
Yesterday's Gill Netting Receipts.
Boat Robert and Edwin, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Phyllis A., 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Enterprise, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Nashawena, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat C. A. Meister, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Mary J. Landry, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

Sch. Elizabeth and Ruth, dragging.
Sch. Herbert Parker, dragging.
Sch. Olivia Brown, dragging.
Sch. Corinthian, dragging.
Sch. Ruth Lincoln, dragging.
Str. Yale, Boston.
Sch. Evalina M. Goulart, dragging.
Sch. J. M. Marshall, shore.

On the Railways.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis is on Burnham's railways.

Lobster Market.

Lobsters are in light supply at Boston.

Changing Over.

Boat Edna Fae has hauled out of gill netting and fitted for mackerel seining.

BOSTON MARKET OPENED STRONG

HADDOCK UP TO \$7—THIRTY- THREE VESSELS IN TODAY'S FLEET.

Dealers on the Boston fish pier were pretty well supplied with nearly all kinds of fresh fish this morning but the demand was good and the market opened strong with prices high. A fleet of 33 vessels furnished the supply. Fares aggregated 790,000 pounds of groundfish, 203,000 pounds of blink mackerel; 3000 pounds of halibut, 112,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Haddock was quoted at \$7 on the opening; large cod, \$7 and markets, \$5. Mackerel sold at 7.40 to 7.50 cents.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Breeze, 50,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Str. Shell Drake, 45,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 4600 mixed fish.
Str. Patrick J. O'Hara, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 25,000 mixed fish.
Str. Trimount, 36,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Str. Lois M. Winslow, 34,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Helen M., 22,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 9800 mixed fish.
Sch. Marietta B., 42,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.
Sch. Lark, 11,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 22,000 hake.
Sch. Killarney, 29,000 haddock 6000 cod, 18,000 hake.
Sch. Eleanor Nickerson, 10,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 25,000 hake.
Sch. Hesperus, 21,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 25,000 hake.
Sch. Wanderer, 22,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 24,000 hake.
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 15,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3500 hake.
Sch. Ellen T. Marshall, 33,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Henrietta, 9000 haddock, 9500 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Marjorie Parker, 8000 haddock, 400 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Rhodora, 5000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 3000 mixed fish.
Sch. Ingomar, 2000 haddock, 8500 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Azores, 22,000 cod, 3000 halibut.
Sch. Teazer, 3500 haddock, 21,000 cod, 2500 pollock.
Boat Bethulia, 45,000 blinks.
Str. Josephine and Mary, 28,000 blinks.
Boat Santana D., 36,000 blinks.
Boat Linta, 25,000 blinks.
Boat St. Rita, 55,000 blinks.
Boat Rosie, 14,000 blinks.
Boat Barbara C., 4800 mixed fish.
Boat Pearl, 4500 mixed fish.
Boat Frances, 3500 mixed fish.
Boat Mary G. II., 3200 mixed fish.
Boat Eddie and Lulu M., 7600 mixed fish.

LESS LAST WEEK

Receipts at the Boston fish pier for the week ending October 24, were 4,347,600 pounds of fresh fish. There were 119 arrivals.

In the corresponding week of 1928, there were 120 arrivals and the receipts were 6,223,450 pounds of fresh fish.

From January 1 to date, there have been 4793 arrivals and the receipts total 216,936,712 pounds as compared with 4677 arrivals and 192,172,450 pounds of fresh fish in the same period of 1928.

N. S. Dried Fish.

News comes from Lunenburg that three cargoes of the summer catch of the fleet have recently been marketed and that the price received for them was \$8.50 per quintal for large and \$8 per quintal for small. Halifax exporters express the view that these prices are too high; that \$8 for large fish and \$7.50 for small fish is the very highest figure that exporters can afford to pay at the present time. They base their view on the fact that the Lunenburg summer catch this year is not as small as at first reported; in fact, that it is only 17,000 quintals below the catch of last year, and upon the fact that with marketing conditions in both Porto Rico and Cuba so difficult, there does not seem to be any chance of securing higher prices in these markets for a long time to come.

The world situation in dried fish is a peculiar one at the present time. Apparently there is too much of one sort of cure and not enough of another. Italy, Northern Brazil and all markets using lightly salted cod, are today short of supplies and willing to pay very high prices, while countries using the heavily salted cure have more supplies of fish offering than they can easily absorb. It is difficult to understand these preferences for cures of fish. For instance, take the island of Jamaica. One would think that Jamaica's taste in codfish would be very much the same as its neighbor Porto Rico. But it isn't. Porto Rico wants a heavily salted "bank" fish, but Jamaica won't look at any but "shore" cod that is lightly salted. Even in the island of Cuba we find two, different markets, one wanting hard cured "case" fish, and the other wanting the soft cure of Lunenburg.

Lunenburg's largest market today is Porto Rico, and were it not for the economic distress created in that island by the hurricane last year no doubt she would be taking the greater portion of the Lunenburg summer catch this season. Incidentally our chance is not improved in that market by the fact that there has been a large catch at Labrador this season; recent Newfoundland reports state that the cure of "slop" Labrador this season will be 100,000 quintals in excess of last year. Some of this supply no doubt will be marketed in the West Indies.—Maritime Merchant.

Gives Meagre Returns.

"If the profits of lobster fishing were as large as the extent of the business might lead one to think they are our hardy state of Maine brethren would be showing the city slickers what it is to have money," says the Boston Herald. "The business was larger than ever this year, the catch being valued at more than \$5,000,000. More than 25,000 State of Mainers pulled lobster traps, and 12,000,000 lobsters came out of them. The state issued 1300 licenses 10 years ago, and about 5000 last year. And yet the lobsters, as if vitally or merely interested in increasing an industry, seem to multiply so fast that the supply continues. The law which prohibits the taking of lobsters less than 10 1-2 inches long is probably responsible for this.

"But the industry gives meagre returns to the hardy fishermen and their families who depend on it for a living, and the work is trying and laborious. There are days when the lobsterman cannot get to his traps on account of storms, and when he does get to them, after a severe blow and a high sea, there is considerable repairing to be done. A good trap costs two or three dollars and a fisherman needs a hundred or so if he is to amount to much. In spite of motor boats, chain gear lifters and other improvements on the old method of rowing and hand hauling close to the shore, the profits seem to be no better than 50 years ago."

"But it is the Boston editor who does most of the complaining. Maine fishermen would not exchange their lot—even with the editor.—Lewiston Journal.

DRAGGER BROKE STEERING GEAR

Boat Bettina, one of the local off-shore draggers had to cut short her fishing trip yesterday after having trouble with her steering gear. She put back to port this morning with 5000 pounds of fish and will haul out on the railways for repairs.

SKATING.

Skating, with blunt skates, is said to have been practiced in prehistoric times by northern nations.

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MACKEREL STILL CLING TO SHORE

**Over 345,000 Pounds Fish Landed by the
Fleet Last Week—Season
Best Since 1926**

Last week the mackerel fleet landed 345,760 pounds of fresh mackerel. Prices were very good and good stocks have been made by the seiners. Although a number of the seiners have hauled out there is still quite a fleet engaged in seining. Fresh mackerel sold to wholesale dealers ex-vessel during the week at 12 to 18 cents for large and 5.80 to 15 cents for small or blinks and 7 to 10 cents per pound for tacks.

Salt mackerel are in good demand but the shore fleet have not landed any fish for some time. The str. Newfoundland brought 194 barrels of salt mackerel last week and 45 barrels of fresh. No recent news in regard to fishing in Ireland or Norway has been

received. Irish No. 3 mackerel are quoted at \$19 and \$21 per barrel; No. 2's at \$24. High prices are being asked for Norwegian fish, \$39 for No. 1's and \$33 for No. 2's.

In the corresponding week last year the mackerel fleet landed only a few hundred barrels of fresh mackerel that sold to wholesale dealers at from 15 to 22 cents per pound. About 1000 barrels were received from traps and nets of Nova Scotia.

Comparative Catches.

The catch of mackerel today has been 41,443,570 pounds of fresh and 1464 barrels of salt mackerel; in 1928, the fleet landed 29,093,700 pounds of fresh and 352 barrels of salt mackerel; in 1927, 37,842,750 pounds of fresh and 1002 barrels of salt mackerel; in 1926, 43,053,450 pounds of fresh and 5346 barrels of salt mackerel.

BOSTON DRAGGERS HARBORED HERE

**SEVEN SMALL DRAGGERS LANDED
FARES HERE THIS
MORNING.**

Seven of the smaller Boston draggers fishing off the shore, finding the northwester too stiff to run back to their homeport last night, put in here for harbor and this forenoon unloaded small fares of mixed fish at the Producers Fish Company and the Fort Company plants. The largest fare was one of 3000 pounds and the others were very much smaller. There were no other arrivals except the above mentioned boats.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Boat Automatic, dragging, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Automatic II., dragging, 1200 lbs. at Agnes and Myrnie, 3000 lbs. fish.
Boat Enterprise, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
At Eliza C. Riggs, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Myrtle and Gladys, 2000 lbs. fish.
Boat C. A. Meister, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Robert and Edwin, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

Sch. Alice and Wilson, dragging.
Sch. Natalie Hammond, haddocking.

On the Railways.

Sch. Catherine Butler and Boat Helen M. are on Rocky Neck railways.

Fitting for Newfoundland.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, one of the Gorton-Pew seiners, is fitting for a trip to Newfoundland for herring, and will sail next week with Capt. David Keating in command.

SHORT STORY AT BOSTON TODAY

**ONLY EIGHT ARRIVALS WITH
ABOUT 200,000 POUNDS—HAD-
DOCK AT \$10.**

This morning was the quietest, as far as arrivals are concerned, that the Boston fish pier has experienced for some time. There were only eight vessels in the dock at the sound of the bell for the opening of trading. Two of them were seiners.

Total receipts were 135,000 pounds of groundfish; 35,000 pounds of blink mackerel; and 76,500 pounds of mixed fish. The meagre supply brought top prices, the highest since last winter. Haddock was up to \$10; large cod, \$8 to \$10 and markets, \$4 to \$6. Mackerel sold for 8 1-4 cents.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
14 cents; black backs, 7 cents; yellow tails, 6 cents; dabs, 6 cents; blink mackerel, 8 1-4 cents; catfish, 7 cents.
Sch. Waltham II., 7000 haddock, 5000 cod, 13,000 mixed fish.

Lighthouse Change.

Shipping interests have been notified by the Lighthouse Bureau that North Channel gas buoy 1 has been temporarily moved 100 feet, 30 degrees on account of dredging operations, and not Boston main channel gas buoy 1 as previously reported.

John Gorman Dead.

The flags at the Boston fish pier are floating at half mast today in memory of John Gorman, manager of the Commonwealth Ice and Cold Storage Company, who died at the Boston City hospital last evening. He was about 50 years of age and resided in Winthrop.

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LARGER FLEET AT HUB TODAY

**RECEIPTS AGGREGATE 550,000
POUNDS—PRICES HIGH
NO MACKEREL.**

A fleet of 15 craft furnished the supply for the dealers at the Boston fish pier this morning. Receipts totalled 482,000 pounds of groundfish, 70,000 pounds of mixed fish and 300 pounds of mackerel. The mackerel were large fish and brought in by a beam trawler. They were caught in the South Channel.

Prices were still up, with haddock at \$8.50 to \$9; large cod, \$8; and markets, \$5.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Shawmut, 25,000 haddock, 2700 cod, 6000 mixed fish.
Str. Loon, 40,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 300 mackerel, 2400 mixed fish.
Str. Crest, 32,000 haddock, 4600 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Str. Sea, 30,000 haddock, 3200 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Str. Gale, 26,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 18,000 mixed fish.
Sch. Evelyn G. Sears, 12,000 haddock, 200 cod, 2600 mixed fish.
Sch. Irene and Helen, 18,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 4500 mixed fish.
Sch. Colleen, 22,000 haddock, 1700 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
Sch. Vagabond, 31,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6600 mixed fish.
Sch. Dawn, 11,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 23,000 hake.
Sch. Isabel Parker, 35,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 11,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 19,000 hake.
Sch. Louise B. Marshall, 8000 haddock, 5500 cod, 22,000 hake.
Sch. Wanderer, 16,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 23,000 hake.
Boat Princess, 200 haddock, 4000 mixed fish.
Haddock, \$8.50 to \$9 per cwt.; large cod, \$8; market cod, \$5; hake, \$6; pollock, \$2.25 to \$2.50; cusk, \$3; gray sole, 10 cents to 12 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 14 cents; black backs, 6 1-2 cents; yellow tails, 8 cents to 9 1-2 cents; dabs, 8 cents; catfish, 8 cents to 10 cents.

Fish That Walk.

Fish are generally associated with water—yet there are several exceptions which live on land.

The common eel can live for long periods out of water, and move across country from one stream to another, even climbing slippery posts. They do this by squirming movements of the body and without using their fins. They can escape from tanks either by working their way out head first, or, if that is too difficult by turning round and throwing their tails over the edge and gaining a hold which enables them to jerk their bodies over the edge.

The mud-springing or walking goby, and the climbing perch are two very quaint tropical fish. The goby uses its front pair of fins as legs in walking whilst the hind pair are converted into a kind of sucker by means of which they hold on to rocks and branches of trees.

The climbing perch is famous for its ability to climb palm trees, and can live out of water a greater length of time than the goby. Specimens kept for exhibition have leapt repeatedly out of a tank with walls two feet high.

The carplings of Mexico also have amazing leaping strength. They will leap right out of the water in their eagerness for food when they see their owner approaching.

Dr. C. M. Younge in his book "Queer Fish," also writes of storks and fighting cocks that are able to grow new beaks, of lizards that, after losing their tails, will grow new parts.